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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on RCE 02 June 04.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 9 and 10 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-3,5,7,8 and 11 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 4 and 6 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
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Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 02 June 2004 has been entered.
2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claim 1 has been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-3, 5, 7-8 and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over applicant's admitted prior art (AAPA) in view of Aoki, US 4,971,436.

In considering claims 1-2 and 8,

AAPA (Fig 7) discloses a projection system in which the light from source 101 is reflected by a plane reflective mirror 133 to projection unit 104. Projection unit 104 is

identical to the applicant's projection unit as described in the specification, which includes at least one dichroic mirror and a light valve element.

Regarding the use of a curve mirror to reflect the light from a light source. Although, the use of a curved mirror is notoriously well known in the art, the examiner nonetheless incorporates Warner, which discloses that in an optical system, in which a designer may use a plane reflective mirror 33 along with a lens 34 (Fig 3b) or the designer may replace the mirror/lens combination by using a concave mirror 22 (Fig 3a). Thus Warner discloses a system which may utilize less parts by using a mirror (i.e. curved) which performs both functions of the plane mirror/lens combination.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify AAPA which discloses a projection system where the light source is aligned with reflective mirror and a condenser lens by using a curved (concave) mirror as done by Warner, which would provide the user/designer the ability to use less parts which perform the same function, and also providing the designer the ability to resize (i.e. compact) the device due to the reduced number of elements.

In considering claim 3 and 5,

Neither the combination of AAPA nor Warner disclose the use of a parabolic or hyperbolic mirror.

As stated above, Warner does disclose the use of a spherical/concave mirror.

It is also notoriously well known when using a curved mirror to reflect light, a variety of curved mirrors are available to the designer, including the claimed parabolic and hyperbolic mirror.

Thus the examiner takes "OFFICIAL NOTICE" in regards to a projection system which utilizes a parabolic or hyperbolic.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify AAPA and Warner which discloses the use of a projection system which includes a curved mirror to reflect the light from the source, by using curved mirrors such as parabolic or hyperbolic mirrors, which are readily available and conventional in projection systems.

In considering claim 7,

The claimed wherein said curved mirror is a spherical mirror is met where the mirror 22 is a spherical mirror (col 4, line 27-48).

In considering claim 11,

The claimed wherein a plurality of dichroic mirrors... is met by AAPA Fig 7 which includes a plurality of dichroic mirrors. Regarding the curved mirror refer to claim 1 above.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 9-10 as previously indicated are allowed.

Claims 4-6 as previously indicated are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure—please see newly cited references on attached form PTO-892.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brian Yenke whose telephone number is (703) 305-9871. The examiner work schedule is Monday-Thursday, 0730-1830 hrs.

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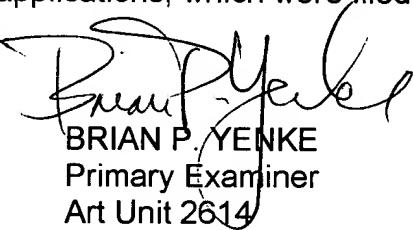
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